FY14/15 Request for Proposals for BGMA funding

A. Call for Proposals:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is soliciting grant proposals from qualified non-profit organizations in the following subject areas:

- 1. Wildlife habitat restoration or enhancement projects on lands that are open to the public (excluding CDFW owned properties) for big-game hunting opportunities. Projects of this type include, but are not limited to, the following examples:
 - a. Restoration of habitat(s) following wildfire events;
 - b. Fencing projects to control/direct grazing or other land use activities;
 - c. Conifer removal to enhance mountain meadow habitats.
- 2. Projects with goals to alleviate current and future drought impacts to California's big-game species. Projects of this type include, but are not limited to, the following examples:
 - a. Construction of new water sources (ie guzzlers, spring development);
 - b. Maintenance of existing water development projects;
 - c. Development of new techniques to restore big-game habitats by using water more efficiently.

NOTE: Grant recipients will be responsible for all environmental compliance requirements necessary to implement and complete their proposal(s).

3. Research projects which provide greater understanding of population dynamics, habitat use, and limiting factors that impact big-game species in California.

NOTE: Any proposals that require animal capture must be reviewed and approved by CDFW's Large Mammal Advisory Committee (LMAC). Final grant approval will be contingent upon review and approval of all animal handling procedures, data collection, and data analysis methodologies by this committee.

B. Grant Information/Proposal Submittal Instructions:

A total of \$750,000 of Big Game Management Account funds will be available for grants under this PSN. Only those projects which are between \$10,000 and \$200,000 will be considered for funding. Multi-year projects will be considered but are subject to annual review and approval before each subsequent years work is implemented. If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact Craig Stowers, Environmental Program Manager, at 916-445-3553 or craig.stowers@wildlife.ca.gov.

The submission date for proposals to receive funding for this grant cycle is Friday, **August 15, 2014**. Applications may be submitted by email with the subject line title of "BGMA Grant Proposal" to wildlife.ca.gov. Hard copy applications shall be addressed to: Chief, Wildlife Branch - ATTN: BGMA Grant Proposal, 1812 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95811. All hard-copy applications for FY 14/15 funding must have a U.S. POSTAL SERVICE POSTMARK no later than **August 15, 2014**.

Proposals delivered by any other means (FEDEX, U.P.S., etc.) including hand delivery must be delivered no later than **August 15, 2014 at 3:00 p.m**. Incomplete applications, applications using other than the standard format provided, or those delivered after the identified deadline will not be reviewed or considered for funding.

If a proposal is funded, the grantee must submit additional information before a grant agreement is prepared and executed. The applicable forms described in this section are for informational purposes only. **Do not submit these forms with your proposal.** When applicants are notified that their project has been approved for funding, they shall be required to complete, sign, and return the forms provided if not already on file. These additional forms may include:

- Certification of Nonfederal Contributions: In-kind/Third Party (GMB Form D.)
- Payee Data Record form (STD. 204) This form can be found at http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/osp/pdf/std204.pdf.
- Federal Taxpayer ID Number
- A Nondiscrimination Compliance Statement form (STD. 19) will be required for grants of \$5,000.00 or more per Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Section 8113. This form can be found at http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/osp/pdf/std019.pdf.
- A Drug-Free Workplace Certification (STD. 21) will be required for all grants regardless of grant dollar amount. This form can be found at http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/osp/pdf/std021.pdf.

C. FY14/15 BGMA Grant time-line:

- a. Call for Proposals July 15, 2014
- b. Grant Proposals due August 15, 2014
- c. Internal/Advisory Committee Review August 18, 2014
- Teleconference meeting to determine Advisory Committee recommendations -September 3, 2014
- e. Executive Committee review and approval by September 15, 2014
- f. Grant Preparation complete by October 31, 2014 (or sooner depending upon how many grants are awarded)
- h. Awards complete by January 1, 2015